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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Luz L. Alejandro. (3) _____.

(2) Jeff Knapp. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 12 May 2003.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 2.

Identification of prior art discussed: Watanabe et al., U.S. Patent 5,580,420 (prior art of record).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: a proposed amendment to independent claims 1-2 was discussed. The amendment provide language requiring that the substrate stage is fixed and having a constant vertical position relative to the vacuum plate. Applicant's representative argued that the incorporation of such limitation in the claims will not be a new issue. The examiner pointed out that such limitation was not considered before and that an amendment incorporating such limitation will require further consideration and search, and therefore will be considered new issue.

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